

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Coffee Campus, Planning Room
12:00 Noon

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Brownlee, (remote), Phaydra Crews, (remote), Rebecca Corbett, (remote), Sue Lane Hughes, Amanda Ramshead, Bradfield Shealy, (remote), Lisa Sumner, (remote), Dr. Mark Sutton, Alfalene Walker, Dr. Joi Williams.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronnie Dean, Dr. Rodney Green, Matt Seale.
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: DeAnnia Clements, Mona MacKenzie, Casey Thompson, April McDuffie, David Vanlandingham, Lidell Greenway, Keren Wynn, Shannon McConico, Michael Williams, Kelly Peacock, Susan Jones
SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Elizabeth Vickers

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairperson Sue Lane Hughes.

The pledge of allegiance was sited and a blessing for the meal was given by Dr. Mark Sutton.

The minutes from the February 7 meeting were submitted to the board. Sue Lane Hughes noted one necessary correction to attendance. A motion to approve the meeting minutes including the correction was made by Mark Sutton and properly seconded by Lisa Sumner. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Department Updates

Administrative Services Update (Keren Wynn)

Report reflects 63.2% of budget spent.
Remaining balance of \$18,499,631.00.
Expenditures represent 52.5% of budget.
Remaining balance of \$21,580,213.00.

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

Enrollment is up for Spring term.
DOC registration is complete.
Spring Express term has begun.
Small enrollment increases in all areas; up 0.1% total enrollment.
Unduplicated students at 4243; up 11.8% from prior year.
Top five programs changed slightly: Early College Essentials, Cosmetology, Nursing Technician, Salon & Spa Support Tech, and Welding & Joining Technology.

Adult Education Update (Kelly Peacock)

Signing week provides excellent recruitment and social media presence.
Welding and forklift classes pending.

Adult ED staff will be attending a national conference.
EAGLE contestant from Wiregrass made top eight candidates.
A former wiregrass EAGLE winner will be the key note speaker at this year's awards ceremony.

Economic Development Update (Michael Williams)

Contract training hours are up.
All metrics are on-track to meet goals.
Massive jump in employee training hours thanks to Staff Development Day.
Piloting software program for Containing Ed registration.
Drone class was a great success.
School bus driving certificate program pending
Additional grant money is available.
Construction classes beginning 3/25 and again in June on BHI.

Foundation/Fundraising Update (Mona MacKenzie)

Implementing new scholarship software.
Employee Donation campaign begins in April.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

Changes to Pell Grant funding has prompted curriculum changes to several programs.
Dropping core class requirements and moving from diploma to TCC.
Core essential skills to be embedded in program curriculum.
All programs will still meet licensing requirements.
Practical Nursing changes are pending state board approval.
Takes effect in Fall.
Academic Affairs will be meeting with high school partners to assess school needs and preferences.
Multiple grants pending.
With Lowes for mobile unit.
Distance ED
VLD Telemedicine clinic.

Legislative Updates:

Only seven to eight days remaining in session.
Governor's budget includes a 4% raise, up to \$3000, for all state employees.
VLD Logistics CDL program earmarked for 8.9 million to add a second backing pad.
Bill to encourage more 2+2 agreements with USG institutions.
Bill to define "high demand" job list.
Capital Outlay proposal pending for Coffee Welding Program.

Recent & Upcoming Events

TCSG Leadership Conference in May
Get Wired March 5 on Coffee campus included tour group from the state Economic Development office.
March 18, Premium Peanuts event.

SKILLS USA State competition was a success.

Wiregrass won 21 medals in 14 competition areas.

Five gold medalists will be competing at SKILLS Nationals.

EAGLE student of the year to be named end of March.

State Board meeting March 7.

March 14 is Corks n Forks.

It is Women's History Month and President Clements is speaking at an event.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting is April 3, 2024 on the Cook WDC Campus, Room 113.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm was given by Mark Sutton and seconded by Alfalene Walker. All in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Jones

APPROVED